Statement-II

Release of first Instalment under SGRY (Ist Stream) to Kerala during 2002-03

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Districts	Total Central Allocation	Central Allocation as 1st Instalment	First Instalement Released
1.	Alappuzha	177.42	88.71	88.19
2.	Eranakulam	198.55	99.28	98.70
3.	Idukki	270.61	135.30	134.51
4.	Kannur	168.77	84.39	83.89
5.	Kasaragod	191.83	95.91	95.35
6.	Kollam	245.95	122.98	122.25
7.	Kottayam	164.93	82.46	81.98
8.	Kozhikod	261.00	130.50	129.74
9.	Malappuram	302.63	151.32	150.43
10.	Palakkad	343.31	171.65	170.65
11.	Pathanamthitta	139.31	69.65	69.25
12	Thrissur	317.37	158.68	157.75
13.	Thiruvananthapuram	272.21	136.11	135.31
14.	Wayanad	148.60	74.30	73.86
	TOTAL :	3202.48	1601.24	1591.86

Change in funding pattern of Rural Development Schemes

2189. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering changes in the funding pattern of certain schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to consult State Government in this regard, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to create a special mechanism to check/monitor fund utilisation allocated to various schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development has been impressing upon the States to implement the Scheme more effectively and in accordance with the guidelines. In order to improve the implementation of the Schemes and to ensure better delivery of the benefits to the poor, a four pronged strategy (i) Creation of Awareness about the Schemes, (ii) Transparency, (iii) People's Partnership and (iv) Accountability—Social Audit through Gram Sabhas has been evolved.

New system to ascertain BPL

2190. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to ascertain the actual people living below the poverty line in various parts of the country, a radical score-based ranking system of each household indicating their quality of life has been mooted;

(b) if so, whether this was the recommendation made by the expert committee constituted by the Rural Development Ministry;

(c) if so, what are the other recommendations made by the Committee; and

(d) what are the steps being considered to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) the other recommendations of the Expert Group include, *inter alia*, adoption of Socio-economic indicators for identification, allowing flexibility to the States to decide the Cut-off Scores within the overall poverty ratio and approval of the BPL list by the Gram Sabha.

(d) The Government has accepted most of the recommendations and has advised all the States and Union territories to initiate action to conduct BPL Census for identification of 'poor' and 'non-poor' in the rural areas.